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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 June 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Korhonen (6,829,726).

As to claim 1, Korhonen discloses an electronic device configured to be connected by a serial bus including a signal line and a shield line, comprising:

a signal receiving unit configured to receive signals from the shield line (Figure 1.16, column 5, lines 6-10); and

an identification unit connected to the signal receiving unit and configured to identify the received signals (column 5, lines 11-14),

wherein a self-test is performed based on results of the identification (column 5, lines 6-10).

As to claim 2, Korhonen discloses an electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said signals from the shield line include one of direct-current voltage signals, tone signals, and digital signals (column 5, lines 18-21).

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As to claim 3, Korhonen discloses an electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the serial bus is a USB (Figure 1.16).

As to claim 4, Korhonen discloses an electronic device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a display for displaying results of the self-test (column 3, lines 65-67).

As to claim 5, Korhonen discloses an electronic device configured to be connected by a serial bus including a signal line, comprising:

a signal receiving unit configured to receive signals off a standard for the serial bus from the signal line (Figure 1.16, column 5, lines 6-10); and

an identification unit connected to the signal receiving unit and configured to identify the received signals (column 5, lines 11-14),

wherein a self-test is performed based on results of the identification (column 5, lines 6-10).

As to claim 6, Korhonen discloses an electronic device as claimed in claim 5, wherein said signals off the standard for the serial bus include one of signals having voltages exceeding the standard for the serial bus (, signals different in transmission speed from the standard for the serial bus standard, and signals different in protocol from the standard for the serial bus standard (column 5, lines 48-51 & column 7, lines 6-8).

As to claim 7, Korhonen discloses an electronic device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the serial bus is a USB (Figure 1.16).

As to claim 8, Korhonen discloses an electronic device as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a display for displaying results of the self-test (column 3, lines 65-67).

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As to claim 9, Korhonen discloses an testing device for transmitting test command signals to an electronic device connected with the testing device by a serial bus including a signal line and a shield line, said testing device transmitting the test command signals to the electronic device through the shield line (column 2, lines 47-53).

As to claim 10, Korhonen discloses an testing device for transmitting test command signals to an electronic device connected with the testing device by a serial bus including a signal line, said testing device transmitting signals off a standard of the serial bus as said test command signals to the electronic device through the signal line (column 2, lines 47-53 & column 4, lines 30-31 & lines 40-42).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Ehne whose telephone number is (571)-272-2471. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (571)-272-3645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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